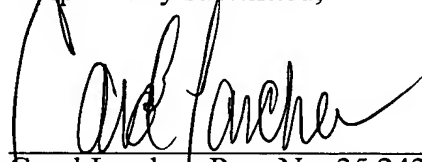


REMARKS

Claims 27-33 have been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as unpatentable over claims 1-10 of U.S. Patent No. 6,362,317 in view of page 39 of the Stratagene Catalog (1988). This rejection is believed to be moot in view of the terminal disclaimer submitted herewith.

In view of the foregoing, the application is considered to be in good and proper form for allowance, and the Office is respectfully requested to pass this application to issuance. If, in the opinion of the Office, a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Office is invited to contact the undersigned attorney of record.

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